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Education Minister Misir Mardanov expressed his pleasure at seeing guests in Azerbaijan and talked about important challenges faced by two countries to expand cooperation in the education field. The Minister has noted the great importance attached by the architect of our independent state, national leader Heydar Aliyev to the development of educational and scientific ties between Azerbaijan and Turkey stressing this policy has successfully continued by President Ilham Aliyev.

Noting the importance of expanding educational ties between two countries in terms of our national interests, Mr. Mardanov gave detailed information on the activity of education institutions of "Cag" Ogretim Isletmeleri Company operated in the country, including Qafqaz University. He expressed his belief that the Caucasus Association of Universities will promote the cooperation between our universities to the new level, and thanked to everyone who contributed to the establishment of this Association.

Rector of Ardahan University and Head of the Caucasus Association of Universities Ramazan Korkmaz has talked about the path of development traversed by the Association, which was founded in 2009 and represents 24 universities, within a short period of time. According to him, the goal of the Association is to expand the cooperation between universities of different countries, determine the future prospects, develop works for the establishment of links with leading universities, as well as render support to teacher and student exchanges.

Rector of Kafkas University Sami Ozcan underlined that the development way of both countries makes necessary to deepen relations in all fields. He stressed the development of inter-university relations and, from this viewpoint, underscored the need to promote cooperation within Caucasus Association of Universities as well.

Minister Mardanov emphasized the importance of joint scientific researches conducted within the friendly, brotherly relations between Azerbaijan and Turkey, as well as underlined the importance to convey our history to future generation. Noting, from this point of view, important tasks laid upon universities that are members of Caucasus Association of Universities, the Minister underlined the importance of conducting joint conferences and symposiums. He also expressed his belief that the Association will strengthen the cooperation between universities noting any support needed for the activity of Association will be provided. At the meeting, the sides also exchanged views on other issues of mutual interest.